

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1-3 as shown.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended)     ~~The~~ A method for selectively activating ~~the~~ suction holes ~~on of~~ rollers of paper converting machines ~~or similar products, said holes being in communication with,~~ a said roller comprising a suction chamber ~~made in the rollers and a channel, the suction chamber being~~ and connected ~~by to~~ suction means, ~~characterised in that it comprising the steps of:~~

(a) ~~provides the sliding of at least~~ providing an interposition element arranged between said suction holes and said suction chamber, said interposition element ~~being equipped with~~ having a plurality of interposition holes, and

(b) ~~sliding said interposition element to slide between a first position and a second position in said channel,~~

~~whereby, as the position of said element varies, wherein at said first position~~ at least one part of said interposition holes ~~moves from a condition where they are~~ is aligned with a said suction ~~holes~~ hole, bringing ~~them~~ said suction hole into communication with said suction chamber,

wherein at said second position said at least one interposition hole ~~to a condition where they are~~ is not aligned with said suction hole, thereby interrupting communication

~~between said suction hole and said suction chamber holes, which are thus covered by said interposition element.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said interposition element has a plurality of positions and at least one part of said interposition holes is slotted so that ~~they are said at least one slotted~~ interposition hole is aligned with said suction hole ~~holes in at least two or more positions of said interposition element.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said chamber is a longitudinal chamber, and said sliding is carried out in a longitudinal direction.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said sliding is carried out in a circumferential direction.

5. (Withdrawn) The device for activating the suction holes on rollers of paper converting machines, said holes being in communication with a suction chamber made in the rollers and connected by suction means, characterised in that it provides at least an interposition element sliding between said suction holes and said suction chamber equipped with a plurality of interposition holes.

6. (Withdrawn) The device according to Claim 5, wherein said interposition element is a plate that is housed in a sliding channel made longitudinally in said roller.

7. (Withdrawn) The device according to Claim 5, wherein said interposition element is a tubular jacket, slidably engaged between a tubular shell where said suction holes are made, and a core where said suction chambers are made.

8. (Withdrawn)      The device according to Claim 5, wherein at least one part of said interposition holes is slotted so that they are aligned with said suction holes in two or more positions of said interposition element.

9. (Withdrawn)      The device according to Claim 7, wherein the surface of said tubular jacket has a plurality of couples of rows of holes arranged longitudinally and having different angular positions, each couple of rows having a different number of interposition holes in order to align a different number thereof to the corresponding suction holes by a circumferential sliding movement.

10. (Withdrawn)      The device according to the previous claims, wherein means are provided for changing quickly the relative position of said interposition element and the suction holes of said roller.

11. (Withdrawn)      The device according to claim 10, wherein said means for changing comprise screws for adjusting the relative position between said interposition element and the suction holes of said roller.

12. (New)      The method according to Claim 1, wherein the interposition element has interposition holes arranged to cause both a first pattern of suction holes to be in communication with said suction chamber and a second pattern of suction holes to be in communication with said suction chamber, the first pattern and the second pattern being separated by suction holes which are not in communication with said suction chamber, the method further comprising securing a first paper product using said first pattern while simultaneously securing a second paper product using said second pattern, the second paper

product being spaced apart from said first paper product by at least one suction hole which is not in communication with said suction chamber.